

SENATE BILL 2447

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 13, relative to travel by members of the
general assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Title 3, Chapter 13, is amended by adding the
following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 3-13-1__.

(a) If a member of the general assembly travels and receives reimbursement
from the state for expenditures, then the following information concerning such travel
shall be posted on the website maintained by the general assembly:

(1) The name of the member requesting reimbursement;

(2) The purpose and destination of the trip, including, if appropriate, a
statement that the expenses were incurred attending a legislative session or
legislative committee meeting as provided in Article II, §23 of the Tennessee
constitution;

(3) The number of days for which reimbursement is requested;

(4) If appropriate, the name of the group or organization sponsoring the
event or in the case of an official meeting, the individual visited; and

(5) The amount reimbursed by the state.

(b)

(1) The office of legislative administration shall provide to the office of
management information systems the information submitted pursuant to

subsection (a) no later than five (5) days following the end of any month in which such reimbursement is requested by a member.

(2) The office of management information systems shall post such information, by member, in accordance with subsection (c) as soon as possible after receiving such information. Beginning with the first month such information is posted for a member, such information shall be accumulated under that member's name and be retained on the active website during the remainder of the member's current term of office. Such information may be deleted from the active website following the end of each such member's term and be archived for a reasonable period of time.

(c) The office of legislative information systems shall create a menu entry on the legislative home page labeled "Legislative Travel Expenses". On the Legislative Travel Expenses page, the office of legislative information systems shall post travel expense information by member. A member's travel information shall be identified with appropriate labels as either information concerning travel expenses related to legislative sessions and committee meetings or information concerning travel expenses related to voluntary activities including, but not limited to, conferences, symposiums, workshops, assemblages, gatherings and other official meetings and endeavors concerning state business and the duties of a legislator, held within or without the state of Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.